

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeremy R. Bridge on 11/17/09.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 13-15 and claim 17.

In claim 16, delete all the contents of this claim and replace it by adding the following paragraphs--A system for electrostatic delivery of an antimicrobial material, said system comprising:

a disinfectant composition comprising a glycol component in combination with an alcohol component, said combination having an initial conductivity and a conductivity control component comprising at least one of a silicon oil, an essential oil, a fatty acid ester and combinations thereof, said conductivity control component present in an amount sufficient to reduce said initial conductivity of said combination; and

an electrostatic dispensing apparatus containing said disinfectant composition in a liquid reservoir, said apparatus further including an electrostatic charging element, a voltage source electrically connected to said element, and a dispenser providing said disinfectant composition in proximity to said element, said proximity sufficient to

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electrostatically charge said composition, wherein the electrostatic dispensing apparatus is at least one of an electrostatic wick and a vaporizing emitter, the electrostatic dispensing apparatus when subject to an electrical power source dispensing the disinfectant composition in a vapor and/or aerosol suspension form;

Wherein said glycol component is present at solute concentrations in said alcohol; and wherein said glycol is triethylene glycol and said composition is delivered at a rate of at least 0.1 grams per hour--

Cancel claims 26-27.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MONZER R. CHORBAJI whose telephone number is (571)272-1271. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on (571) 272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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